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CARSON'S HOUSING SITUATION

BETWEEN the few lines of a news article in the Appeal yesterday that prospective tenants have already approached the purchaser of a building who intends to prepare a flat in that building for rental, one might have read the protest of scores of people against the present housing situation in this city.

To rent a home in Carson City at a price that come within a living wage is next to the impossible and to secure an apartment is only an idle dream. The housing situation is bad.

In order to develop a community it is first of all necessary that any new population must have homes in which to live. If Carson is to become a headquarters for highway building crews or if new blood is to be invited here to explore for water and settle on land in the valley it follows that they should be able to find proper housing accommodations upon their arrival here. In addition to these, the casual newcomer should be taken care of.

With its nearness to Lake Tahoe, with its hot springs and other attractions, this city might well seek some of the divorce business, since Nevada must have its easy divorce law. The attractiveness which Reno has for the Eastern divorcees is slowly wearing away and it is within the realms of possibility that Carson City could at least take care of those who would seek a less notorious but equally attractive place. The overflow from the hotels would need houses in which to live.

Prices of building materials have been reduced and it might be profitable to individuals and to the city as a whole to erect a few modern dwellings here.

WHISKEY FOR A COLD

THE protest of physicians against the stringency of the prohibition laws in refusing the use of liquor even in the case of sickness is having a more concrete backing during the present epidemic of influenza throughout the country and, more at home, the la grippe wave which has reached this city.

There is no better preventative against a serious cold, once the disease germ has entered the body, than a few drinks of warm whiskey, and the viewpoint of legislators who would deprive sick people of a means of getting well is hard to understand.

Cases of influenza without number could have been saved had the proper stimulant been at hand during the epidemic of 1918 and in the present wave physicians can cite any number of instances where a small amount of whiskey would have done a world of good.

Relatives or friends of the sick will go to any measure to secure the desired liquor, and do this with a feeling of immunity. As a matter of fact, the law is being broken as flagrantly as any bootlegger might break it.

Proper regulation in the disposition of liquor to physicians is a matter for the next Nevada legislature to consider in the form of an amendment to the state prohibition law.

MABEL NORMAND AND THE TAYLOR CASE

MABEL Normand, the motion picture actress, finds herself in a sorry plight, indeed. One exposure after another since the death of William D. Taylor has brought about a situation in which the public is wondering if Taylor was murdered because of his efforts to protect her from a ring of drug peddlers.

Miss Normand's name has been continuously coupled with "the unknown woman" whom Taylor is known to have been intimate with and for whom he asked an investigation by the department of justice of the alleged ring of narcotic peddlers in a Hollywood motion picture studio.

The admission that Miss Normand had called upon Taylor at his apartment shortly before he was murdered and the news of yesterday that she has suffered a stroke of apoplexy would bring to the less charitable the idea that it was for her sake that Taylor began his battle against the dope vendors.

The truth is that no positive evidence has been given that the motion picture actress is a drug addict, and until such time as it is positively established that she is the lover for whom Taylor died she should not be judged too harshly.

She is now on trial before the American public and the American principle that she is innocent until proved guilty should be religiously adhered to.

JAPANESE DRUG VENDORS

THE protest of the United States government against the bringing of narcotics to this country in Japanese ships will be solidly backed by the American people.

It is too well known that the Japs are responsible for a great deal of the traffic in narcotics and it has even been hinted that the Japanese government finds it profitable to deal in the narcotics.

In these days of peace and when the alien land owner question is resting it would be well for the Japanese government to wash its hands of drug exportation the while curbing the activities of its subjects in the same regard.

Wars have been fought on weaker principles than that of a nation protecting itself from the destructive menace of narcotic selling.

ANOTHER CASE OF THUMBS DOWN



A PASSING REVIEW

Gerat minds run along in the same political channel, one would believe from a development in the contest for district judgeship in the territory comprising Ormsby, Storey, and Douglas counties.

William McKnight, so the report from Tonopah runs, will move his family, law books, his legal experience and his sunny disposition to Carson City in the near future and at the starter's mark for the judgeship race he will be among those present.

Leonard Fowler will be there, too, the political gossips will have it, and thereby hangs the tale.

McKnight, fresh from the offices of deputy state controller and deputy attorney-general made a short fight against Fowler for the Democratic nomination for attorney-general at the last election. A true test of the strength of the two men was not gained at that time, McKnight's friends claim, as he did not get into all the communities that Fowler reached.

As it was, the vote was close. Now the two men have their eye on the same political seat and if the present judge, F. P. Langan, retires to more lucrative private practice in Virginia City, they will fight it out for another nomination.

Neither has given the definite word, so far as this columnist knows, about making the race, but wisecracks would have the bows of their political ships pointing toward the harbor of district judgeship.

Attorney George Montrose of Gardnerville is still to be heard from. He was implored in the last state election by Republicans to make the race for the same office on the Republican ticket, but he declined, perhaps wisely, at that time. The political complexion as far as he is concerned is different now and with the several Democrats in the running he may believe that the ballot will have room for one Republican contestant.

Before the dope sheets are closed, Homer Mooney is to be reckoned with, for it is well known that his ambition is directed toward a judgeship and presiding over the first judicial district may be the lure for throwing the Mooney hat into the ring.

The effect of the investigation of charges that he had informed clients that he had a "pull" with Reno judges in divorce cases on the political aspirations of Sidney Foster of Reno can be easily comprehended. The aspirations of Foster may remain, but little else.

He had long ago declared his candidacy for the office of attorney-general on the Republican ticket. Soon thereafter things started to happen to Sidney that have been rather unpleasant. Whether or not it was caused by his political announcement, his wife secured a divorce. Then he finds himself in a jam in Reno court circles by the allegation that he had informed clients in other states that he has a

"pull" with a Reno judge. The report reached the ears of the judge and now the Washoe County Bar Association is investigating Foster's conduct.

His political past seems to have been only the serving as justice of the peace of Reno township.

So far, M. A. Diskin has made the only other call for the attorney-generalship.

Of times the soothsayers of the political columnist gang agree. Instances have been known where they have had the dead running for political office or being prominent in the parties' news. The Appeal writer is no exception, but he has committed the grave error of running a Democratic as a Republican. Rather run the dead, the Bourbons might facetiously retort.

Mrs. Grace Wildes was included in a list of defeated Republicans of the last election who should be given the right to run this year when that party claims the running will be easier.

In truth, Mrs. Wildes is an ardent Democrat and ran as such at the primary of four years ago against George Cole for nomination for the state controller's office. She is at present city clerk at Fallon and her popularity will probably retain the job for her.

In the list of defeated Republicans Augustus Tilden was intentionally omitted for the reason that Tilden has already expressed an inclination to run for the state supreme court as an independent.

Tilden is said to be "sore" at the supreme court justices because of decisions adverse to some of his clients and that his candidacy will be based on a grudge against Judge Sanders.

The latter is feeling little fear from such a candidacy. Since coming north from Tonopah, Judge Sanders has made a world of friendships and it is a safe guess that he has not lost any in the southern Nevada country. He is the strongest man for the office in the state and, although the law requires that independents only may contest for the office, he is a Democrat at heart and will add weight to that party's ticket.

Rumors would have Cole Harwood, Ed Lunsford and a score of other Republicans contending for the office at the polls, but none of the rumors have been verified.

From across the California state line comes the flicker that Mary Pickford's Gavin McNab will have Democratic opposition if he should decide to make the race for governorship of that state.

The name of former United States Senator James D. Phelan as a candidate for governor of California was presented by D. A. Shelloe of Willocks to the state convention of the Iroquois Club in San Francisco recently.

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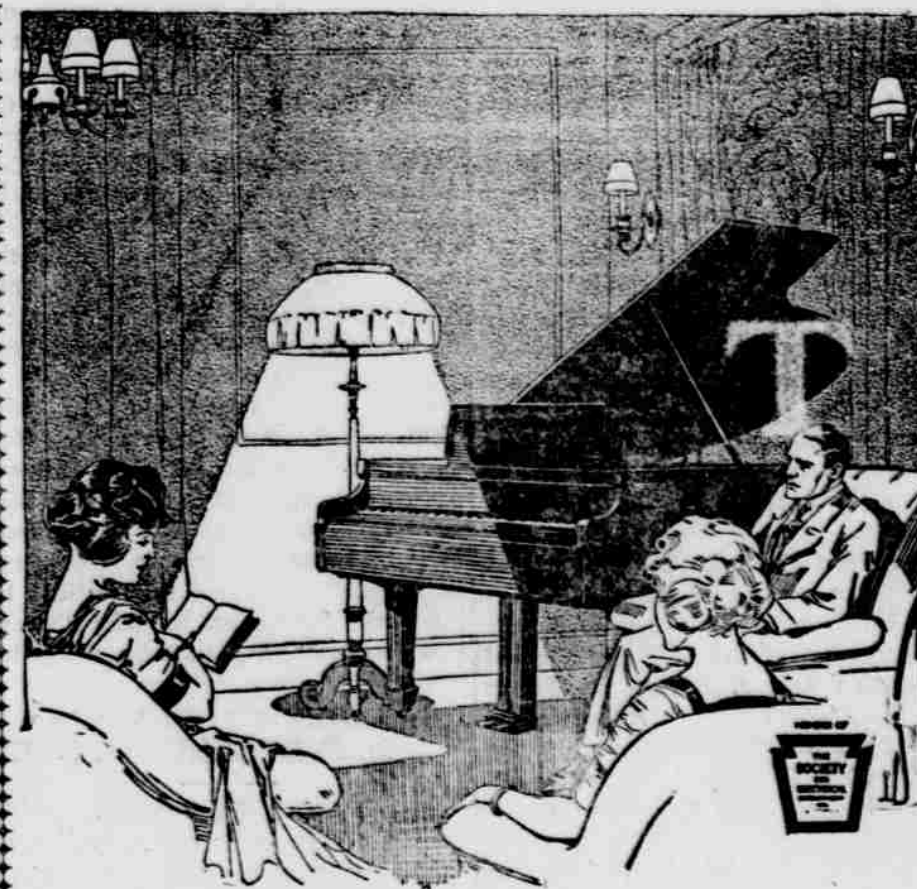
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